

## ALLEGED CROOKED WOMAN FINANCIER

### Said to Have Swindled Mrs. Armour Out of Big Sum and Is Sued

(By Associated Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., July 15.—To recover \$142,000 alleged to have been stolen from Mrs. Margaret K. Armour, widow of Simeon B. Armour, the packer, by Miss Harriet Byington, a young woman who for the last three years served as companion and housekeeper for Mrs. Armour, suit was filed in the Circuit Court here today. Miss Byington had been conducting most of Mrs. Armour's business for her and had the keys to her safety deposit box.

Mrs. Armour, in an interview today, said she had no desire to bring criminal action against her former friend that she was interested merely in recovering her money.

"The fact that Miss Byington is a woman should be no protection to her," Mrs. Armour said. "A woman should suffer for illegal acts equally with a man. Miss Byington should be punished to prevent a repetition of similar thefts. But I do not wish to prosecute the woman who was my friend, and I will not bring a criminal prosecution against her, though perhaps, the county and State authorities will feel that it is their duty to see that law breakers are punished. All I want to do now is to recover my money."

I understand the main point to be made by the defense is that Miss Byington had a weak mind and that evidence of luxury unsettled it, that she has no money or bonds belonging to her in her possession, that she has spent all the money she has not regained, and that her poor memory does not allow her to remember where or when she made her purchases.

"These statements I know to be false, Miss Byington's memory always was a remarkable one and her mind is lucid. The story that she could have forgotten what she did with my property is laughable to any one who knows Miss Byington."

Miss Byington is 35 years old. Before entering Mrs. Armour's employ she was a trained nurse. Mrs. Armour paid her \$75 a month as her companion.

## RALEIGH PASTOR CALLED

REV. ADIEL J. MONCRIEF, PASTOR OF TABERNACLE CHURCH, RECEIVES SEVERAL OFFERS—OUT OF CITY NOW—NOTHING DEFINITE.

Information was publicly circulated yesterday that Rev. Adiel J. Moncrief, pastor of the Tabernacle church here, had received a call to the presidency of Union College, Jackson, Tennessee, and to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Union Springs, Alabama. It is also known that Mr. Moncrief has had other calls to important churches.

Mr. Moncrief, who has been out of the city for some weeks, will return to Raleigh tomorrow, but leave a few days later to conduct a meeting.

A News and Observer representative, knowing of one call which Mr. Moncrief was considering, called on the chairman of the Board of Deacons nine days ago, on July 8, to make inquiries. Upon request, however, the ground of the request being that premature publication might do harm, the news was not printed.

Another representative of this paper called a few days later to see one of the most prominent members of the Tabernacle church; and he, while he did not deny the report, thought it best for the reporter to consult Mr. Moncrief himself after the pastor's return to Raleigh this week, in order to avoid possible misunderstanding. What Mr. Moncrief will do is yet to be learned.

Mr. Moncrief has been pastor of the Tabernacle church in Raleigh for nearly three years, having left the presidency of Cox College, Forsyth, Georgia, for the pastorate here. He is a man of force and consecration, and has done a fine work in Raleigh.

### Chinese Disappointed in Renewal of Treaty.

(By the Associated Press.)

Peking, July 15.—China has been indulging in the hope that the Anglo-Japanese alliance would not be renewed. The signing of the revised treaty, therefore, has caused some surprise and disappointment here, but the reiterated pledges regarding China's integrity have given satisfaction.

The thorough paced politician must presently laugh at the squeamishness of his conscience.—South.

## TAX ASSESSMENTS IN THE VARIOUS COUNTIES

Additional Counties Heard From Today Generally Indicate Gratifying Increase

In addition to the reports from a number of the counties, concerning the action of the county boards of equalization and the new assessments of taxable property, the following are printed today:

### BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

Southport, N. C., July 13.—Brunswick county property has increased on the new assessment about one million dollars—a rate of 50 per cent increase.

JOHN JENNETT,  
Register of Deeds.

### WILKES COUNTY.

North Wilkesboro, July 13.—The total value of personal property in Wilkes county not yet computed and total increase in value of real estate, \$710,313, which is 32 per cent over last year.

### HERTFORD COUNTY.

Winton, N. C., July 13.—The increase in assessment and tax valuation in Hertford county over previous assessments is six hundred and forty-two thousand, six hundred and thirty-two dollars.

### BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Washington, N. C., July 12.—The report in yesterday's paper that there has been no material increase of assessment in Washington and Beaufort county is erroneous. There has been a material increase in property valuation approximately twenty-five per cent.

THOMAS GREEN,  
County Assessor.

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Troy, N. C., July 13.—The total amount of listed taxable property for Montgomery county for the year 1911 is \$3,453,930, an increase over last year's assessment of \$348,819.

### RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Increase of Over One Million Dollars Under New Assessment.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Asheboro, July 13.—The tax valuation in Randolph county this year shows an increase of a little more than a million dollars over last year. There was a general raise by the board in four townships. There were a few individual increases and decreases in the county. The average value per acre is slightly in excess of six dollars per acre.

### HARNETT COUNTY.

Dunn, July 13.—The Board of Equalization met in Lipton yesterday but as some of the assessors were not ready to make their report the matter was referred to a committee which will meet on July 24th.

### CARTERET COUNTY.

Beaufort, N. C., July 13.—The approximate increase in valuation for this county is a quarter million dollars.

### MARTIN COUNTY.

Williamston, N. C., July 13.—The estimated increase of the valuation of property in Martin county for taxation is eight hundred thousand dollars.

### ONSLOW COUNTY.

Jacksonville, N. C., July 13.—The increase over last year is about 20 per cent, making about one million dollars increase.

J. B. PETTWAY, Reg. Deeds.

### ROBESON COUNTY.

Lumberton, July 13.—From the data at present in the hands of the Robeson County Board of Equalization, it looks like tax assessment values will be increased in that county about 25 or 30 per cent.

### CABARRUS COUNTY.

Concord, N. C., July 13.—The increase in real and personal property valuation in Cabarrus county is approximately one million dollars, exact figures not yet obtainable due to small changes by Board of Equalization. The real and personal valuation for 1910 was \$6,491,791.

### GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Oxford, July 13.—The county equalization board met Monday to hear the complaints of those who thought their property valued too high. Very little kicking was exhibited and only one man took an appeal. The total increase, according to Assessor F. W. Hancock, will be about \$1,000,000. This will make the total for the county a little over \$5,000,000. While the increase has not been as much as the assessors thought it would be in the beginning of the work, perhaps it represents a fair valuation.

### TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY.

Brevard, N. C., July 13.—The in-

crease in Transylvania county over 1910 is about thirty per cent.

### PERSON COUNTY.

Roxboro, July 13.—The Board of Equalization for Person county, after a continuous session of two days adjourned without completing their work. There were numerous complaints and much dissatisfaction and the board is having a hard time adjusting the differences with any degree of satisfaction. Many of the complaints were unwarranted and unreasonable as in several instances where property had been recently purchased and was assessed, about half of what had been paid for, the owners registered strong kicks against its being valued so high. In other instances it was clear that the assessors had made mistakes, and failed to get a fair equalization. A percentage reduction on all property was made in several townships as a whole. It will be impossible even to make an intelligent estimate of the increase until the board has met again and completed its work. The increase, however will be a substantial one.

## OVERMAN AND WATSON HOBNOB

At Greatest Assemblage of  
Democrats Ever Held In  
West Virginia

(By the Associated Press.)

Fairmont, W. Va., July 15.—The greatest gathering of Democrats ever assembled in West Virginia outside of a State convention met in this place today as the guests of United States Senator Watson, of this State.

Today Senator Watson was host at a unique week-end party. Accompanied by five fellow members of the United States Senate Senator Watson arrived here at 3 p. m. In the party were Senators Overman, Bacon, Chamberlain, Johnson and Taylor. Senators Bailey, Chilton and Kern, who were expected were detained at Washington by important committee work. In addition to the United States Senators there were over 100 Democratic members of the West Virginia legislature present. At 3 p. m. about 4,000 persons from the surrounding country were in attendance. During the late afternoon the world famous string of show horses of the Watson family were exhibited. Then followed a general reception. It was a gathering such as West Virginia has never seen before.

## WINSTON DISTRICT M. E. CONFERENCE

Yesterday's Work, Closing a  
Three Days' Session At  
Thomasville

(Special to News and Observer.)

Thomasville, July 15.—Winston District Conference M. E. Church, South, which has been in session at Thomasville since Wednesday night, closed today.

This morning the following delegates were elected to the annual conference at Statesville: Frank S. Lambeth, Thomasville; Prof. H. A. Hayes, Winston-Salem; Whit R. Lassiter, Jackson Hill Circuit; J. B. Walker, Mocksville. Alternates: M. D. Stockton, Winston-Salem; E. E. Raper, Lexington.

Resolutions commending the work of Dr. Marr, who is now serving his fourth and last year as presiding elder of the district, were unanimously adopted. Dr. Marr's administration has been not only acceptable and praiseworthy, but under his direction every charge has shown growth and progress. Besides being a fine executive, Dr. Marr has few equals in the State as a pulpit orator.

### Wire Walker's Fall.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilson, July 15.—This afternoon "Gravito," who for the past two night has been holding the boards at the Lumina Theatre, while attempting to walk a wire stretched from the courthouse yard to a window over the theatre, fell on the hard macadam twelve feet below. He was severely shocked, but not seriously injured.

## AND UP GOES THE PIEDMONT'S PRICES

The Outlaw Tobacco Trust  
Is Now Now Doing  
the Retail Trade

## JOBBER AND RETAILERS

While Suit for Damages Against It  
Was Going on in Raleigh the Amer-  
ican Tobacco Company Advanced  
Price of Cigarettes and Its Payment  
of Any Damages Will Come Out of  
the Pockets of Others.

If there is one concern on the face of the globe that is always on the lookout to take care of itself, that concern is the American Tobacco Company. It has many ways of doing this and when it is a matter of dollars and cents it takes care that it comes out of the pockets of the public that buys its goods.

That is clearly shown in events that come right along with the recent damage suit of the Ware-Kramer Tobacco Company against the American Tobacco Company when there was a recovery of \$20,000, which under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law becomes \$60,000, the amount of damages being trebled, and to this is to be added the fee of \$10,000 allowed counsel for the plaintiffs, and also the costs in the case.

The American Tobacco Company is going to get that fine out of the jobbers and retailers who handle its goods and it went after getting more cash while the suit was going on in Raleigh, running up the price on the jobbers and retailers who handle Piedmont cigarettes.

The first news of the recent increase in the price of Piedmonts came from retailers in this city, and they say that the increase came about the first of July, while the damage suit against the American Tobacco Company was going on. In June the retailers were paying for Piedmonts \$2.75 a thousand with free goods in Old Mill cigarettes to the value of 16 cents, and 10 cents off on every 1,000 cigarettes, this making the net price of Piedmonts \$3.49 a thousand. With the coming of July the price of Piedmonts was increased to \$3.80 with no free goods and nothing off. This means that the price was increased 31 cents a thousand to the retailer.

The jobber got it in the neck also, for the price has been increased on him. What the increase is exactly is hard even for a jobber to figure out, for the American Tobacco Company has an intricate way of selling cigarettes to the jobber. In June the price was \$3.90 a thousand with an inside rebate of 10 cents a thousand and a conditional bonus of 10 cents that brought the price down to \$3.70 a thousand. Then on top of this there was another bonus of 7 1-2 per cent, this conditional on the jobber selling in excess of the sales of the same month of the previous year. With July the 10 cents bonus was cut off as was the inside of 10 cents, and this leaves the jobber up against the proposition of getting a lower price by making an increase on his business of the previous year by months.

This is only a partial explanation of the way the American Tobacco Company figures in its sales to the jobber, and these figures are constantly changing, so that it is a difficult thing for a jobber to keep up with the prices he is paying for the cigarettes that he buys. But be the discounts as they may, he knows that the prices are higher now than they were in June. And because there is little money to be made on Piedmonts on the latest deal some jobbers are not ordering cigarettes at this time.

And in these days there are no coupons in Piedmonts to cut down the price to the consumer as was the case when "White Rolls" were on the market, and the consumer pays the five cents a package, the jobber and the retailer being called on by the American Tobacco Company to pay more for their goods. So while there has been a verdict against the American Tobacco Company the damages are to be paid out of the pockets of the men handling the cigarettes and is not to come out of the strong box of the Tobacco Trust.

At seven weeks of age the ducklings should be fattened for the market and fed only three times a day. A good fattening food is three-fourths meal, one-fourth flour and 15 per cent beef scraps, and all the green food they can eat once a day.